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Applicants: Terry P. MAHONEY et al.

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING AN ELECTRONIC
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the following remarks because the applicants believe that reconsideration would place the application in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 12, 2003 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 1 and 3-23 were pending in the application. No claims have been cancelled or newly added. Therefore, claims 1 and 3-23 are submitted for reconsideration by the examiner because it is believed that reconsideration would place the application in condition for allowance.

As an initial matter, the Office Action objects to the numbering of claim 23 and incorrectly renumbers it as claim 22. Since claims 1-22 were originally filed, the new claim added in the amendment and reply filed on January 1, 2003 is correctly numbered as claim 23 (even though claim 2 was cancelled). Accordingly, applicants request clarification of the renumbering by the examiner.